

Focus Area 1: Access to Health Care

Objective 1-1 seeks to increase the proportion of persons under age 65 with health insurance to 100 percent.

Data extracted from the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) indicate that an estimated 27.4 million Californians under age 65 (85.0 percent) had some kind of health insurance coverage in 2005, compared with 84.4 percent in 2003 and 83.8 percent in 2001 (Table 1-1). Although the HP2010 objective was not being achieved for Californians under age 65 as of 2005, health insurance coverage rates are moving toward the HP2010 target.

Health insurance coverage rates for females under age 65 increased from 84.7 percent in 2001 to 86.6 percent in 2005 (Figure 1-1a). Rates for males increased from 82.9 percent in 2001 to 83.3 percent in 2005. The HP2010 target was not being achieved for either gender under age 65 as of 2005, but rates are moving toward the HP2010 target.

The highest percentage of Californians under age 65 with health care coverage in 2005 was observed for Whites (91.6 percent), while Hispanics/Latinos under age 65 had the lowest rates of health insurance coverage (76.2 percent in 2005) (Figure 1-1b). This HP2010 objective has not been achieved for any racial or ethnic population under age 65 in California as of 2005. Coverage rates were found to be moving away from the HP2010 target for the AIAN and Multiracial populations.

Examined by county, the highest health insurance rates were found for El Dorado and Yolo counties (92.8 percent) and the lowest rates were found for Shasta county (78.6 percent) and for the cluster of Tehama, Glenn, and Colusa counties (78.2 percent) (Table 1-1b, Map 1-1). No county in California had met the HP2010 objective of 100 percent as of 2005.

For more information on health care coverage among Californians, visit the California health Interview Survey (CHIS) Web site at:

<http://www.chis.ucla.edu/>

For more information on Healthy People 2010 objective 1-1, please visit:

<http://www.healthypeople.gov/Document/HTML/Volume1/01Access.htm>

and the DATA2010 Web site at <http://wonder.cdc.gov/data2010/>

Table 1-1: Health Insurance Coverage Among Persons Under Age 65, California 2001, 2003, 2005

Objective 1-1	2001			
	N ¹	Percent ²	LCI ³	UCI ³
Healthy People 2010 Target		100.0		
Statewide Total	25,434,000	83.8	83.4	84.3
Race/Ethnicity				
White	11,978,000	91.0	90.6	91.5
Multiracial (Two or more races)	569,000	90.5	88.9	92.1
African American/Black	1,772,000	90.4	89.0	91.8
American Indian/Alaska Native	167,000	87.1	83.5	90.8
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	95,000	86.1	79.2	93.1
Asian	2,922,000	85.5	84.1	86.8
Hispanic/Latino	7,931,000	72.9	72.0	73.8
Gender				
Female	12,782,000	84.7	84.2	85.3
Male	12,652,000	82.9	82.2	83.6

Objective 1-1	2003			
	N ¹	Percent ²	LCI ³	UCI ³
Healthy People 2010 Target		100.0		
Statewide Total	26,417,000	84.4	83.8	84.9
Race/Ethnicity				
White	11,993,000	91.3	90.7	91.8
Multiracial (Two or more races)	600,000	89.9	87.6	92.1
African American/Black	1,823,000	88.5	86.8	90.2
Asian	2,998,000	87.2	85.8	88.5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	96,000	85.6	76.8	94.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	193,000	84.5	79.3	89.8
Hispanic/Latino	8,715,000	74.7	73.6	75.8
Gender				
Female	13,330,000	85.7	85.0	86.3
Male	13,087,000	83.0	82.3	83.8

Objective 1-1	2005			
	N ¹	Percent ²	LCI ³	UCI ³
Healthy People 2010 Target		100.0		
Statewide Total	27,419,000	85.0	84.4	85.5
Race/Ethnicity				
White	12,380,000	91.6	91.1	92.2
Multiracial (Two or more races)	620,000	89.8	87.8	91.8
African American/Black	1,705,000	89.5	87.7	91.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	106,000	87.1	75.6	98.6
Asian	3,242,000	86.1	84.6	87.6
American Indian/Alaska Native	151,000	79.9	73.7	86.1
Hispanic/Latino	9,214,000	76.2	75.1	77.3
Gender				
Female	13,880,000	86.6	85.9	87.3
Male	13,538,000	83.3	82.5	84.2

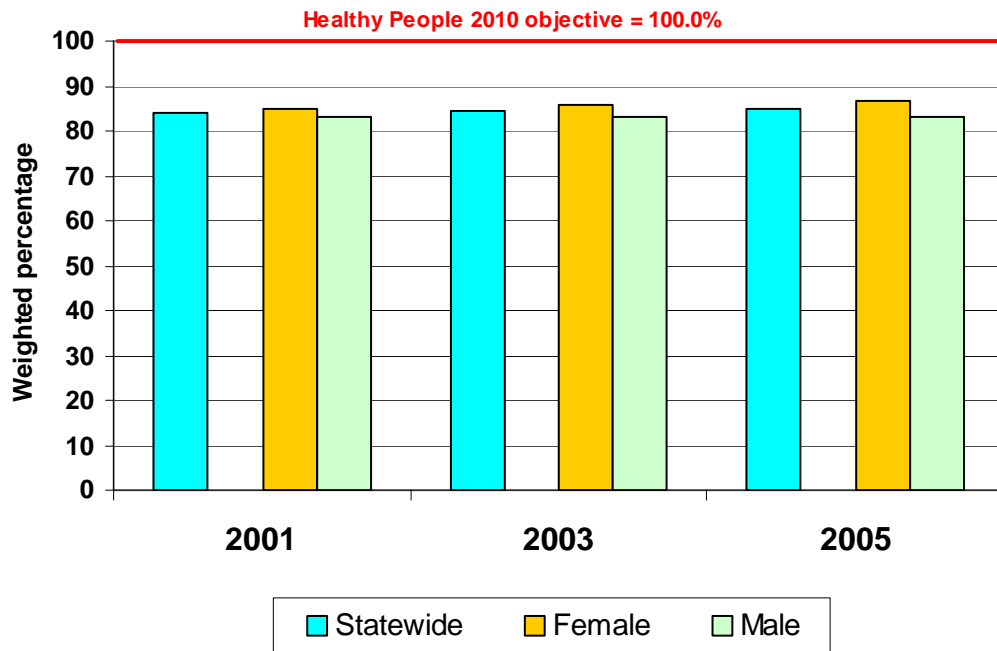
SOURCE: California Health Interview Survey 2001, 2003, and 2005.

NOTES: ¹ Estimated number based on weighted prevalence estimates.

² Percentages derived from weighted prevalence estimates.

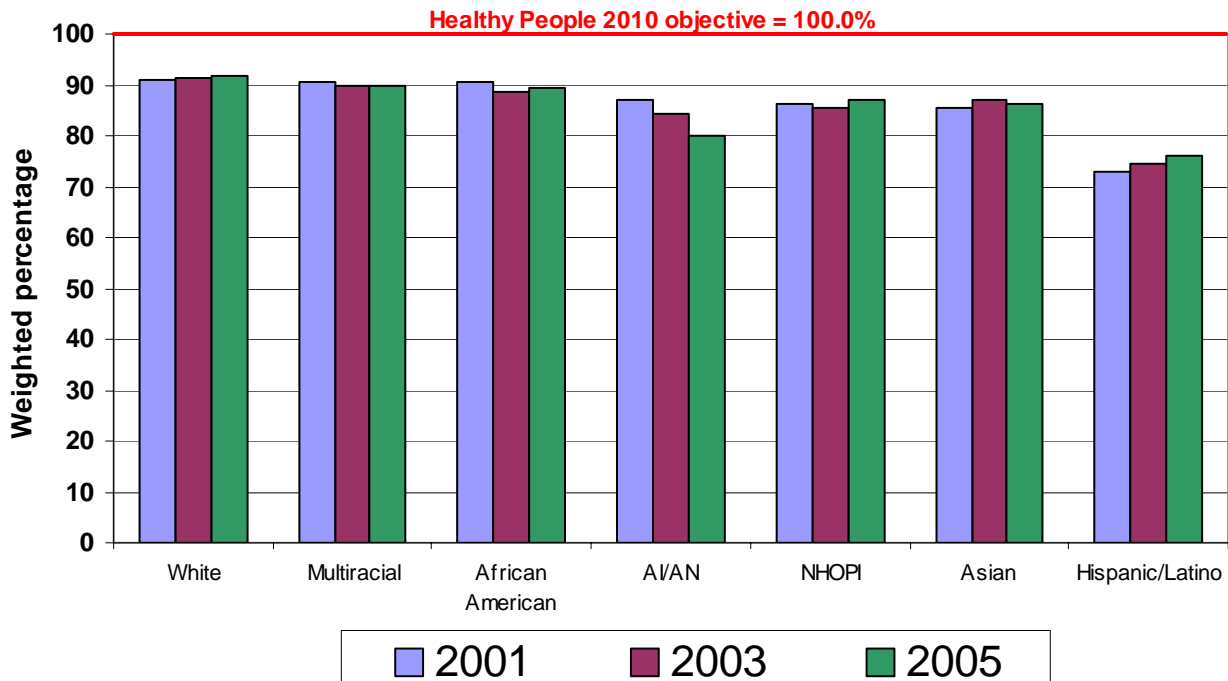
³ Lower (LCI) and upper (UCI) 95 percent confidence intervals.

**Figure 1-1a. Health insurance coverage among persons under age 65
California, 2001, 2003, 2005**



SOURCE: California Department of Health Services and UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey.

**Figure 1-1b. Health insurance coverage among persons under age 65
California 2001, 2003, 2005**



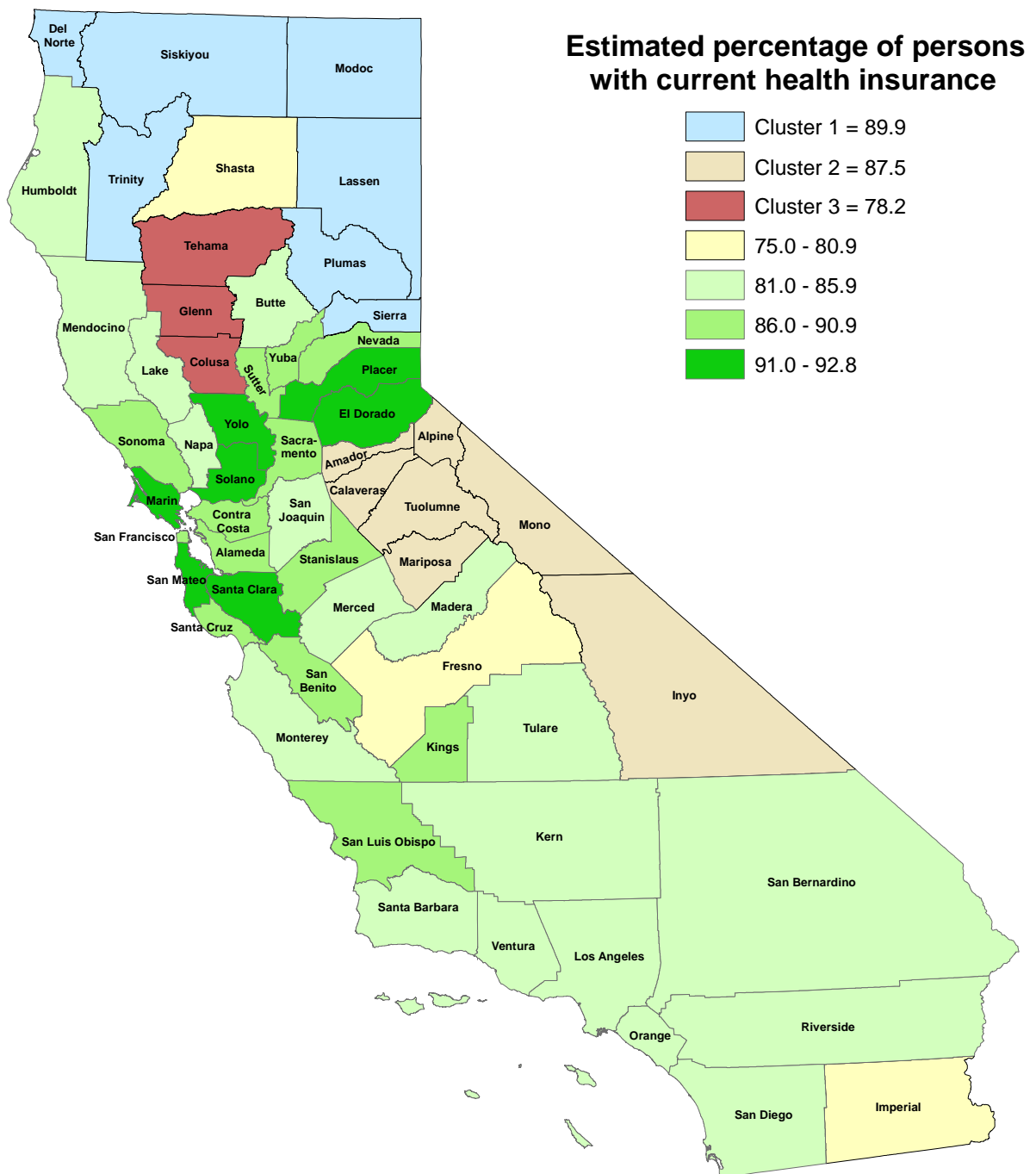
SOURCE: California Department of Health Services and UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey.

Table 1-1b. Persons under age 65 with health insurance, California 2005

County or County Cluster	Est. N	Pct.	95% C.I.
Alameda	1,162,000	87.5	85.0 - 90.1
Butte	149,000	85.4	81.5 - 89.4
Contra Costa	812,000	90.1	87.3 - 93.0
El Dorado	141,000	92.8	90.2 - 95.4
Fresno	632,000	79.7	75.3 - 84.0
Humboldt	92,000	81.6	77.8 - 85.4
Imperial	111,000	79.1	74.6 - 83.6
Kern	548,000	82.3	78.6 - 85.9
Kings	106,000	88.0	84.1 - 91.9
Lake	44,000	85.6	81.0 - 90.1
Los Angeles	7,407,000	81.8	80.7 - 83.0
Madera	100,000	84.8	80.4 - 89.3
Marin	189,000	92.5	90.9 - 94.1
Mendocino	62,000	81.4	76.6 - 86.2
Merced	188,000	85.0	81.0 - 88.9
Monterey	309,000	83.6	79.6 - 87.5
Napa	94,000	85.9	81.5 - 90.3
Nevada	73,000	87.4	83.6 - 91.3
Orange	2,263,000	83.4	81.1 - 85.7
Placer	248,000	92.0	89.0 - 95.0
Riverside	1,346,000	84.1	81.4 - 86.7
Sacramento	1,093,000	90.1	87.7 - 92.5
San Benito	47,000	89.5	85.1 - 93.9
San Bernardino	1,484,000	83.9	81.4 - 86.3
San Diego	2,256,000	85.4	83.8 - 86.9
San Francisco	596,000	89.1	86.1 - 92.1
San Joaquin	499,000	84.9	80.7 - 89.2
San Luis Obispo	179,000	87.0	82.3 - 91.7
San Mateo	569,000	91.1	87.5 - 94.6
Santa Barbara	292,000	83.6	78.5 - 88.6
Santa Clara	1,416,000	91.1	89.1 - 93.2
Santa Cruz	194,000	86.0	81.9 - 90.1
Shasta	110,000	78.6	73.5 - 83.6
Solano	331,000	91.4	89.4 - 93.5
Sonoma	368,000	89.8	85.9 - 93.7
Stanislaus	399,000	87.8	84.1 - 91.5
Sutter	70,000	88.9	85.2 - 92.7
Tulare	312,000	83.2	79.2 - 87.2
Ventura	613,000	85.5	81.8 - 89.2
Yolo	152,000	92.8	90.3 - 95.3
Yuba	53,000	88.1	84.0 - 92.2
Del Norte, Siskiyou, Lassen, Trinity, Modoc, Plumas, Sierra	107,000	89.9	86.7 - 93.2
Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Alpine	130,000	87.5	83.0 - 91.9
Tehama, Glenn, Colusa	71,000	78.2	73.2 - 83.1
Statewide	27,419,000	85.0	84.4 - 85.5

SOURCE: California Health Interview Survey, 2005.

Map 1-1: Health Insurance Rates Among Persons Under 65 California, 2005



SOURCE: California Health Interview Survey, 2005.